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FOR EAGLEBURGER FROM AHERNE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: MISCELLANY

1. TO CLOSE THE CIRCLE, YOU SHOULD BY NOW HAVE SEEN THE RESPONSE TO THE QUERY YOU RELAYED TO ME THROUGH CHRIS ON QUOTE THE UPI EDICON UNQUOTE ON OCT. 8. IT IS CONTAINED IN TOSEC 270492.

2. NICK THIMMESCH CALLED TO SAY THAT YOU HAD TOLD HIM THE SECRETARY HAD AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO DOING AN INTERVIEW WITH HIM FOR POTOMAC MAGAZINE. HE THOUGHT THAT PERHAPS HE HAD NOT MADE IT CLEAR TO YOU THAT HE HAS A DEADLINE IN MID-OCTOBER AND WOULD HAVE TO DO THE INTERVIEW WITHIN THE NEXT TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS. YOU WILL RECALL THAT THIMMESCH'S INTENTION IS TO PUBLISH A REVIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND ACHIEVEMENTS OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS. I EXPLAINED TO HIM THE SEVERE SCHEDULING PROBLEM THAT WE WILL HAVE DURING THAT PERIOD BECAUSE OF THE UNGA.  
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HE SAID HE WOULD BE GLAD TO DO IT IN NEW YORK OR WHEREVER

HE COULD GET TO THE SECRETARY. I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THIS ONE EXCEPT WHAT HE HAS TOLD ME. DO YOU WANT US TO TRY TO WORK SOMETHING INTO THE SCHEDULE? AND, DO YOU WANT BROWN OR ME TO TRY TO PIN THIMMESCH DOWN MORE ON SUBJECT MATTER, LENGTH OF THE INTERVIEW, AND SO FORTH -- OR DO YOU ALREADY KNOW THE DETAILS?

3. BOTH THE BEN GURION ORGANIZERS AND MY CONTACTS IN THE AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT TOLD ME THAT BUTZ'S APPEARANCE AT THE BEN GURION UNIVERSITY DINNER ON TUESDAY NIGHT WAS A SMASH SUCCESS. IT TURNS OUT THAT HE AND MAX FISHER ARE OLD PALS, THAT BUTZ WAS ONE OF THE DELEGATES AT BEN GURION'S FUNERAL, AND THAT HE HAS MADE SEVERAL VISITS TO ISRAEL AND EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE ARID LANDS RESEARCH BEING DONE AT THE UNIVERSITY. ALL IN ALL, IT WAS AN IDEAL CHOICE, AND THE CREDIT FOR THINKING OF IT (AS FAR AS I KNOW) GOES TO ROY ATHERTON. IN FACT, WHEN I FIRST SOLICITED SUGGESTIONS FROM ROY, AND THEN RELAYED HIS SUGGESTION OF BUTZ TO HYLAND, HYLAND SAID THAT IT WAS SUCH AN UNSPEAKABLY POOR CHOICE THAT I SHOULD NOT EVEN BOTHER FINISHING THE SENTENCE.

4. WE HAVE PUT OUT THE TEXT OF THE AVIATION WEEK LETTER. UNLESS YOU INSTRUCT TO THE CONTRARY, I HAVE TOLD BROWN TO READ THE REMARKS WHICH YOU ORIGINALLY ASKED BE MADE WHEN THE LETTER WAS RELEASED (AS GIVEN 27264 -- THESE WERE OF COURSE WRITTEN ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE LETTER WOULD BE RELEASED AT NOON BRIEFING) WHEN HE OPENS HIS BRIEFING TOMORROW.

5. CLAY'S QUERY TO YOU THIS MORNING ABOUT BROWN BEING ABLE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE "SCHEDULE" WAS

ONLY RELATED TO HIS ANNOUNCEMENTS OF WHERE YOU ARE GOING NEXT ON THE TRIP. NOW THAT YOU ONLY HAVE ONE IMPORTANT STOP LEFT, THE PROBLEM HAS PRETTY MUCH GONE AWAY, FOR THIS TRIP. I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY YOU WOULD HAVE WANTED THE SPOKESMAN HERE ON A FAIRLY SHORT LEASH BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE TRIP. IT DOES SEEM TO ME THAT WE OUGHT TO GIVE BROWN AUTHORIZATION TO SKETCH OUT THE LONDON STOP, ANNOUNCE WHO THE APPOINTMENTS ARE WITH AND SO FORTH, CONFIDENTIAL

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AT LEAST AS SOON AS YOU HAVE DONE SO WITH THE PRESS ON THE AIRPLANE. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR GUIDANCE.

6. I HAVE LOOKED INTO WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE TO YOU IN THE WAY OF COVERAGE OF THE FIRST DEBATE WHILE YOU ARE IN LONDON AND FOR THE FLIGHT HOME. I AM ASSUMING THAT NO ONE WILL WANT TO BE UP FROM 2:30 AM TO 4:00 TO LISTEN TO IT ON VOA. USIS WILL START SENDING THE FULL TEXT OVER THE

WIRELESS FILE AT 7:00 AM LONDON TIME, AND IT SHOULD BE COMPLETE AND ON HAND THERE BY ABOUT 9:30. TO GET THE FULLER FLAVOR OF THE THING, YOU MIGHT ALSO WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE FROM LONDON TAPE IT AND PROVIDE YOU WITH (A) THE TAPE AND (B) TRANSCRIBED EXCERPTS ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS PORTIONS. PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHAT YOU WANT US TO DO, IF ANYTHING.

7. I HAVE JUST READ HARTMAN'S CABLE TO YOU ABOUT THE EXCHANGE WITH SILBERMAN. I HAVE VERY LITTLE DESIRE TO HAVE ANYTHING AT ALL TO DO WITH THIS ONE, BUT I WONDER IF IT WOULD BE OF ANY HELP TO YOU IF I WERE TO TALK QUIETLY WITH ART, WITH THE OBJECT OF GETTING HIM, FIRST, TO RELAX AND SECOND, NOT TO EXPECT ANYTHING FROM YOU UNTIL YOU GET BACK.

8. A LATE URGENT ITEM--THE ACTION MEMO IN TOSEC 270320 ASKS AUTHORIZATION TO SEND THE TEXT OF A DRAFT LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO FASCELL, ON THE CSCE COMMISSION, TO SCOWCROFT FOR DISCUSSION WITH THE PRESIDENT. YOU'LL BE OVERJOYED TO LEARN THAT THE WASHINGTON POST HAS THE TEXT OF THE DRAFT LETTER. THIS HAS GOT TO BE A NEW LOW IN THE LEAKING GAME, AND UNLESS YOU OBJECT, I PROPOSE TO HAVE DIKEOS AND THOMAS TREAT THIS MATTER AS YOU HAVE INSTRUCTED THEM TO DO WITH THE SILBERMAN ARTICLE. IN THE MEANTIME, IT WOULD HELP IF WE COULD GET THE LETTER SPRUNG LOOSE. HARTMAN TELLS ME THAT IT IS ENTIRELY IN ACCORD WITH WHAT THE SECRETARY WANTED. THE POST WRITER WHO IS FOLLOWING THIS ONE IS NEEDLING FASCELL ABOUT IT, SAYING HE IS BEING STRUNG ALONG BY THE EXECUTIVE. WE MAY GET A STORY ALONG THAT LINE TOMORROW, AND THERE IS NOTHING WE CAN DO TO PREVENT THAT. BUT IF WE CAN GET THE PROCESS MOVING, WE CAN AT LEAST BOLSTER FASCELL'S POSITION AND SHOW THAT WE ARE TRYING TO BE COOPERATIVE WITH THE CON-  
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GRESS, EVEN THOUGH THE COMMISSION DOES GIVE US SOME REAL PROBLEMS. SONNENFELDT ALSO FEELS WE NEED TO MOVE THIS, ESPECIALLY FOR THE PURPOSE OF HELPING FASCELL TO HELP US.  
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